

Connecticut Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses

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National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP), Connecticut Chapter

The Northwest Nurse Practitioner Group

ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - PUBLIC HEARING FEB. 20, 2014

APRN COALITION IN SUPPORT OF RB No. 110 AN ACT CONCERNING FRAUD PREVENTION IN CONNECTICUT'S UTILITY TERMINATION PROTECTION PROGRAMS.

Senator Duff, Representative Reed and members of the Energy and Technology
Committee

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Practiced Nurses

The bill recognizes APRNs as independent providers requiring authority to certify
“Serious illness” or a “Life-threatening situation”. Lack of APRN inclusion has been
very problematic over the years. Without authority to sign, APRNs have had to send
patients to hospitals to obtain continued lifesaving care. This has created many
hardships, is costly for the state, and is detrimental to patients. This is authority
APRNs take very seriously so we are pleased to see the addition of a worksheet for the
customer to complete to determine hardship. We strongly support this bill and thank
you for your attention to this serious matter.